

## A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

## A HEALTHIER, THOUGH STILL UNCERTAIN TRADE REPORT.

A Decrease in the Number of Failures, Both in the United States and Canada.

State Capital News—Insurance Companies Barred From Doing Business in the State.

A List of New Charters Filed With the Secretary of State—A Jury Secured in the Hillman Case.

## THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1 a. m.—Forecast: Northernly winds, becoming light and variable; fair weather; lower barometer, followed by higher temperature.

For Kansas: Variable, followed by light southerly winds; warmer fair weather.

New York, March 2.—Following is H. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade for the week ending Saturday, March 3.

Actual business is satisfactory for the season. Prospects are confused and uncertain, in some directions promising, but in other branches of large importance decidedly clouded.

The passage by the house of the bill authorizing bond purchases was designed to remove the monetary uncertainty and influence which affects all trade and industry.

Whether the senate will pass the bill in its present form is not yet certain, and Secretary Fairchild's report makes it questionable whether the measure, if passed, would provide adequate relief for the prevention of treasury absorption of money.

The western railroad wars and strikes continue to disturb business. While earnings of railroads are satisfactory, a large quantity of freight for the season is in motion, the rates are dropping and expenses on many lines are increasing.

An important indication of activity in many branches of trade is the movement to change the tariff. Whether proposed changes are deemed desirable or not, those who have been active for the season are inclined to defer business propositions. The bills submitted on Thursday would affect so many industries and branches of trade that individual opinions are unfavorable to it, must considerably influence transactions while it remains pending. It comes at a time when, for other reasons, there is hesitation in most of the branches chiefly concerned, and increases that hesitation. It is a characteristic of many trades at present that purchases and operations are for one reason or another, limited to present necessities. In the boot and shoe trade, which is otherwise exceptionally satisfactory, there are indications of a decline in women's and children's goods; in the cottons, the recent signs of halting may be attributed to the unusually large dealings in the past, in sugar and numerous other trades, the operations of trusts or combinations cause uncertainty. The coal business, since strikes began to collapse, has been marked by a decline in activity, and buyers have been operating with some freedom, but any advance has been resisted, and the effects of the proposal to change duties are not yet seen.

No unfavorable indications appear in reports of trade or collections from any part of the country. Money is everywhere comparatively easier, though at Boston and other important points it is felt that a revival of business activity would soon be followed by some pressure.

Southern trade is clearly improving and signs of renewed real estate activity at some western points are indicated. The market represented by payments through clearing houses is about 25 per cent larger than last year, outside of New York, but with no favorable losses at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Kansas City.

Business failures occurring throughout the country during the past week are reported for the United States 302, and Canada 42, a total of 344 failures, compared with a total of 250 last week and 273 the week previous. The declines reported in Canada are still unusually large in number.

## ITEMS FROM TOPEKA.

Insurance Companies Barred Out—Personal Points.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 2.—Insurance Superintendent Wilson announced that the following insurance companies, by reason of their non-compliance with the insurance laws, are no longer authorized to do business in Kansas: The Anglo-Nevada of San Francisco; the Western Home of Sioux City, Ia.; the Fidelity and Casualty of New York; the Dwellings House of Boston; the Hartford Life and Accident of Hartford, Conn.; and the Globe Manufacturers and Wholesaler's fire of Kansas City. The last named company is declared for the reason that it has failed to secure a renewal of authority. The Kansas City Mutual Fire Insurance company, organized in 1885, makes no provision for re-insurance of business and will re-insure in other companies.

The board of railroad commissioners today granted a petition signed by Mrs. Augustus Wilson and thirty-three others, asking that they be allowed to make switch connections at their own expense at the new town site of Lawrence, Kan., on the line of the Kansas City & Pacific railroad.

Governor Martin was summoned last evening to his home at Atchison by a telegram from his wife announcing the serious illness of two of his children.

The state house commissioners held their regular monthly session today, the principal business before them being the further hearing of arguments in favor of the allowance of the contractors' bill for extra services, which was held for a month from the 27th of October to the 27th of this month from \$7,000 to less than \$10,000. General Price of this city, appeared in behalf of the contractors.

J. H. Pampham, superintendent of construction, said today that he would commence work again upon the capital building within a week or ten days if the weather should continue favorable.

The following charters of new corporations were filed in the office of the secretary of state today: The F. E. Pratt lumber and grain company, capital stock \$40,000, incorporators, F. E. Pratt, A. T. Neyhart, Orson Kent, George C. Hall and David Grimes of Burlington; the Junction City creamery company, capital stock \$12,000, incorporators, B. Rockwell, R. O. Thorne, M. R. Bitterman, M. K. Keller, J. J. Blattner, M. M. Smith and T. R. Kennedy; the Clumfield cemetery company of Morton county; the Greenwood union cemetery association of Mitchell county; the Elm street mission church of the city of Topeka; trustees, Josiah Sample, Wm. McDermott, Wm. K. Edwards, Edwin B. Ware and Andrew Turner.

A jury in the celebrated Hillman insurance case was secured last evening and the introduction of evidence was begun at the opening of the United States court this morning. The trial will probably last nearly three weeks, as did each of the former trials.

## EVADING THE LAW.

New York, March 2.—The national base ball league this afternoon made an agreement with the Brotherhood of Base Ball Players to the effect that no salary in excess of \$2,000 was to be paid, but personal contracts could be made outside. This is evidently a get around the stipulations of both league and American association, placing the salary limit at \$2,000.

## TROUBLE IN THE WEST.

Conductors and Brakemen on the Atlantic & Pacific Strike.

ALBUQUERQUE, March 2.—The strike of the conductors and brakemen on the Atlantic & Pacific road is complete throughout the entire line and business on the road is virtually suspended. West-bound passengers coming into Albuquerque are sent to California by the Southern Pacific. The road is making every effort to get the places of the strikers with new men, but their efforts so far are not very successful. The strikers are perfectly quiet and orderly and no demonstrations of any kind have been made to indicate any disposition to resort to violent measures.

The strike effects about 700 men, the majority of whom are married. A number of the strikers said last night: "We, like men on all other roads, are paid a certain amount per mile. Our superintendent, who is recently from Georgia, issued an order compelling us to do an extra amount of hard work for which we received no compensation, thereby preventing us from earning what we consider fair wages. When our committee asked him to recall the order he refused to do so and replied that he could procure plenty of men from Georgia who would work for 25 cents a month, and if necessary could run his trains with negroes. After being satisfied we were not receiving proper treatment and no redress we concluded to go out."

## THE CYCLONE.

NEWTON, Kan., March 2.—A destructive cyclone visited this city at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon. It was preceded by the usual calm and oppressiveness in the atmosphere. Just before 5 o'clock a dense smoky cloud was seen approaching from the west. Almost at the same instant an intensely cold wave from the north met the cyclone and there ensued a dark cloud that moved rapidly in the direction of the southwestern part of the city. The first building struck was the Newton buggy factory. The roof of the main part of the building was stripped off and hurled 100 feet east. One timber struck William Leary, an employe, on the head, and he was killed. The cloud next struck Wattle's addition to the city, demolishing and scattering in all directions six dwelling houses and a number of barns. Miss Annie Noble, who was in one of the houses, was struck by a flying timber, and will probably die. Mrs. Mary Smith, an invalid, was killed. The cyclone did not seriously injure a number of houses and barns, but it did demolish a number of houses and barns. Other parts of the city suffered, cupola of the high school being blown down, while chimneys on many residences were carried away.

Just after the cyclone came a terrific hail storm which was followed by rain that fell in torrents. Had the storm cloud struck the city but a few minutes later, the loss of life and destruction of property would have been frightful. It was, only the southwest corner was injured. The total loss in the city will be over \$10,000, while the damage to dwellings and barns in the surrounding country will be nearly as great. William Leary, the man killed, is unmarried, 35 years old, came here from Kansas City a year ago, has a brother in that city and a sister in Milwaukee, Wis., and one in Chicago.

A mass meeting of citizens was held in Music hall here this evening in aid of the sufferers by Thursday's cyclone. Committees were appointed to take charge of contributions and the city council will head the list with \$2,000.

Chicago, March 2.—A Daily News special from Newton, Kansas, says a cyclone last night unroofed the Newton Carriage manufactory and destroyed some of the buildings. A man was killed outright, Mrs. Smith had her shoulder broken and Miss Hobbell was fatally crushed.

## MILLS ON THE BILL.

He is Well Pleased and Thinks It Will Surely Pass the House.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A Washington special to the Herald says: Chairman Mills is much pleased with the outcome of his work and that of his Democratic colleagues. Mr. Mills said yesterday to your correspondent that he believed that the bill was so conservative and fair in character that it would command a majority in the house of representatives. He added that fourteen Democrats of the Randall school will probably vote against the measure; two from Pennsylvania, two from New Jersey, four from Ohio, four from Louisiana and two from California. He expects, however, that their votes will be offset by those of at least eight or ten Republicans, mostly from the north.

Mr. Mills continued: "I think the bill will pass by a slender majority. I said that the aggregate reductions proposed by the bill would be about \$10,000,000. I intended, however, to re-enact the old package clause providing for a duty on packages, which was omitted from the tariff bill of 1887. This clause, as you are aware, does not lay a special tax on packages of different kinds, but merely provides the same rate of duty on all packages, and accordingly, this will add from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 to the revenue so that the net reduction of revenue proposed by the bill is a small one. The bill also contains the opinion of the majority of our committee that the revenue of government should be reduced not less than \$70,000,000. We have therefore left \$25,000,000 to be disposed of by changes in internal revenue taxation."

## NEW YORK NEWS.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The decision of the grand jury on the question of finding an indictment against Gould and Sage, as reported to the court, stated that they had given careful consideration to the case and could find no grounds upon which to find an indictment. The attorneys opposed to Gould are not satisfied and propose to fight the case.

It is stated that the watch manufacturers in order to be in the current fashion have formed a trust. The association declared that jobbers must not sell watches and must not receive orders by the retail trade. The association is said to be aimed at the Duerer Watch Case company, which is not in the combination and on which the association declared war. The fight is certain to result in a description of the present rates on cases and there is a possibility of a new watch being erected capable of competing with the Waltham and Elgin companies in the manufacture of watches.

Local Dr. J. Ward, superintendent editor of the New York Independent, met with a serious, though not probably fatal, accident at the Hoboken ferry. Mr. Ward was thrown from the boat and was thrown down the steps, but the wheels did not pass over him. He was injured so badly, however, that he will prevent the recurrence of such an accident.

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 2.—Deputy United States Marshal Burns arrested Thomas Hendricks and Ray Martin at Richmond, Mo., on the charge of making and passing counterfeit silver dollars, and brought them here, where they were examined today before commissioner Jones, who committed them both to jail to await trial in the United States district court here on the 10th of this month. Several spurious coins and molds for making them were captured by Deputy Burns.

## A HORRIBLE CRIME.

ENID, Okla., March 2.—William Booth, who lives about twenty miles from the city, near Dunlap, was arrested yesterday and taken before Judge Evans today for preliminary hearing, charged with committing incest and rape upon the person of his 11-year-old daughter, Maud. On the 10th of this month the charge was preferred by Nancy M. Booth, his wife. Booth was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$5,000.

## OVER THE OCEAN.

ENGLAND. LONDON, March 2.—Official news has been received here that the condition of the German crown prince is alarming.

Upon receipt of this intelligence the London press has been very much excited, with the queen with reference to altering the court arrangements for next week, which include a levee and a drawing room. He was directed not to alter the present arrangements, but to prepare to postulate the exceptions at the shortest notice. The prince of Wales has left the Riviera and is returning to London.

The foreign office has made public dispatches received from Mr. Joseph Chamberlain during the progress of negotiations at Washington for the fisheries treaty. In a communication to Lord Salisbury, dated Washington, February 16, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the American government on the present occasion repudiated any desire to share in the shore fisheries of Canada.

The point of dispute was therefore limited to the question of commercial facilities. The treaty now submitted gives expression to the views of the British government on all commercial facilities to the fishing vessels of the United States whenever and as long as the products of Canadian fisheries are admitted into the United States. The French schooner *Fleur de la Mer* has been foundered off the island of Cayenne. Sixty passengers were drowned. Lord Salisbury in an interview with Baron De Staal, the Russian ambassador, today declared that he would oppose the deposition of Prince Ferdinand, and the powers agreed upon his successor upon the Bulgarian throne. He added that the nomination of the Prince of Mingrelia would not receive the assent of England.

Arrangements are being made privately to transport the German crown prince to Berlin, on account of the animosity felt in Berlin. Dr. Mackenzie will accompany the prince but will proceed direct to London. The Standard and all Liberal Unionist newspapers are jubilant at the news. The standard man, Depford, notwithstanding Darling was comparatively unknown in the district, the unprecedented success of the Liberal Unionist party in the Conservative member, and the halo of martyrdom surrounding him.

The news says it hopes the failure to establish a party from the Liberal Unionist party will not discourage the Liberals. If in all the elections of the kingdom the Liberals rally to their cause the same as at Depford and the Liberal Unionist party will be an overwhelming Gladstonian majority.

## ITALY.

ROME, March 2.—Advices from Massowah say that Chief Debbaba and his followers, who hitherto have been powerful allies of the Italian forces, have deserted to the enemy, taking with them arms and equipment with which the Italians had supplied them.

## RUSSIA.

MOSCOW, March 2.—The Gazette (government organ) says that Turkey will declare Prince Ferdinand a usurper in Bulgaria, and will interfere with military to establish a statute there in accordance with the Berlin treaty. Turkey has received a mandate from all the powers or carte blanche from Russia.

## A STRIKE AVERTED.

KANSAS CITY, March 2.—A threatened strike of engineers on the entire system of the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Gulf railroad was averted today by the company conceding to the men more than is asked for by the striking engineers on the Burlington system. For the past week there have been hints of trouble on the road between Newton, Kan., and Kansas City.

The company and the grievance committee have been holding daily conferences with the officials of the road for the past week. These conferences have been strictly private, but it is understood that the strike was averted today in a sweeping victory for the men. The company grants passenger engineers 35 cents per mile, with 100 miles per day to constitute a day's work. For all other than local freight trains they are to receive 4 cents per mile, and for local freight trains 3 cents per mile. The company also agreed that there shall be no discrimination on account of different sizes in wheels, and last, but not least, binds itself to abolish the classification of engines, engines being to be paid on the basis of the work they do. An engineer receiving the same as another for the same amount of work.

## RICH HILL ITEMS.

RICH HILL, Mo., March 2.—Frank K. Tutt, a Missouri Pacific detective, came into the city on Monday last evening and at once sought a conference with the night police. He had walked in ten miles from a point north of here, at which point some one fired into passenger train No. 302 at 7:20 o'clock. The shot struck a passenger, and he was badly injured. An examination revealed the fact that the ball had spent its force in a ping of tobacco, and that the points of the bullet were in the man's back. He was taken to the hospital and at once pulled the bell cord and got off and began a search for the murderer. He was found in the mud and traced him to Ovid, two miles north of here, but there all trace was lost. The search is being continued today.

P. D. Patterson and S. M. Brown, of Jerico Springs, are here looking for Isaac Dawson, who was shot at from a house at Jerico Springs, the 13th inst. Mr. Patterson captured him four days after the robbery at Bentonville, Ark., and his trial was set for the 15th inst. at a second house. He appeared according to bond, but the creek was so high that the justice could not get there, consequently Dawson skipped out and has been hiding ever since. It is thought he is concealed in the mines here, and a close search is being made for him.

## HUDSON CHANGES LAWS.

EL PASO, Tex., March 2.—Hudson, alias Woodson Freeman, the alleged Mapula train robber, was taken from the El Paso county jail across to Mexico today by the chief of police of Paso Del Norte.

Hudson was not extradited, but went voluntarily, asserting that he could establish his innocence when placed on trial at Chicago. He was taken to the city here before T. A. Fahey, judge of the state district court, and Extradition Agent Strong, testimony against Hudson was brought out and he was found guilty. It was believed he had discretionary power under the treaty to extradite Hudson, he would not take the responsibility of exercising that power, but would refer the case with the testimony to President Cleveland and Secretary Bayard. The treaty provides that neither party shall be bound to extradite one of its own citizens on a charge of crime committed in the other country. Hudson concluded that he would be extradited, and rather than have his case prejudged by forcible proceedings, he had better go voluntarily.

## A MAIL ROBBER CAPTURED.

BONHAM, Tex., March 2.—This evening Sheriff Evans and an Illinois officer named Fortenbury arrived in this city from Trenton, this county, where they arrested a man by the name of E. Mundy, who is wanted in Mount Carmel, Ill., for robbing the mails. Mundy was a postal clerk, and at various times abstracted registered packages from the mails. He was lodged in jail here, and the Illinois officers will leave with him tomorrow. Several indictments are pending against Mundy in Southern Illinois, where he has gained the reputation of a notorious mail robber.

## HAWLIN KNOCKS OUT FARRELL.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The long expected finish fight between Johnny Farrell, the Harlem featherweight champion, and Jack Hawlin, featherweight champion of Boston, was fought tonight on the beach of Long Island sound, near Sevia Rock. The contest was a close one, but Hawlin, who had the best of the encounter from the beginning, was knocked out in the seventh round.

## PEACEFULLY SETTLED.

PRATT, Kan., March 2.—The election held yesterday on the proposition of removal of the county seat from Lika to Pratt City resulted in a majority of 1,157 in favor of the removal. This election was the most bitter contested county seat war ever known in western Kansas. The conflict had been going on for over nine years and during that time the county records have been moved back and forth between Pratt and Lika.

At one time men on each side were armed with Winchester rifles and civil words were of little avail. The contest was fought through the courts till last December when the supreme court dismissed the cases. Petitions were again circulated to call a new election and the people, feeling anxious to end the long contest, signed them and the election yesterday resulted in an over whelming victory for Pratt. No further troubles are anticipated.

## NO ACTION TAKEN.

READING, Pa., March 2.—Up to this evening no order has been received in this city directing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen who took the places of striking knights to quit the company's services. Such an order would affect the Reading very little as nearly all the knights employed on the railroad who have their homes in this city refused to strike. John Horn, who is at the head of the Reading Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was temporarily suspended by the company until his case was inquired into. He was one of the striking brotherhood men ten years ago and was not employed until last month. A week afterward he had a wreck and Sunday morning he was inquiring into the cause of it.

## CANADIAN CLUB DINNER.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The Canadian club gave a dinner this evening in honor of the completion of the works of the British fisheries commission. Joseph Chamberlain, Mayor Hewitt and number of distinguished gentlemen were present. Secretary Bayard sent a letter warmly commending the treaty. His concluding remarks were as follows: "The fisheries of the British Empire are of great importance to the British Empire. It is a great public calamity which I hope patriotism may arrest."

WICHITA WILL HAVE ONE. The Commercial Bulletin will announce tomorrow the formation of a stock company in this city which expects to control the entire sorghum crop of the country in through by the use of a new patent process. The company claims to be able to produce sorghum of a superior quality, and to grow it in a shorter season than the present process. It is expected that the company will erect three new factories, one of them at Topeka. The location of the other two has not yet been selected.

## ATTEMPTED MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—An attempt was made this afternoon to murder James M. C. M. Shafter, ex-judge of the superior court and a prominent man in the state. His assailant was Earl L. Lange, brother-in-law of Judge Shafter. A divorce suit has been pending for some time between young Shafter and his wife. Judge Shafter had just left the court room in Cherry hill this afternoon when Lange met him at the door and fired two shots at him neither taking effect.

## DEADLY FALL OF A BRIDGE.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 2.—Hondo bridge, on the Southern Pacific railroad, gave way this evening while a freight train was crossing, precipitating the caboose and a couple of cars of live stock into the river. Captain Etheridge, the officer of the train, was instantly killed. A driver, Robert Harman, was killed. Conductor Davidson and Lem Hall, a brakeman, were fatally injured.

## KILLED INSTANTLY.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2.—Albert West, a young colored man serving sentence in the work house for assault upon his father, this morning attacked James Stewart, the chief clerk of the city, and was killed. Stewart was severely injured, he fired on the prisoner as he attempted to escape and a bullet from his revolver struck West in the heart, killing him instantly.

## NEW TRIAL ORDERED.

NEW YORK, March 2.—General terms of the supreme court have ordered a new trial in the case of the Commercial Telegraph company against the stock exchange. The decision of the lower courts, which was a verdict against the Commercial Telegraph company, was reversed and a new trial ordered.

## THE SHIP CARPENTERS' STRIKE.

MILWAUKEE, March 2.—There is no change in the ship carpenters' strike at this place. The men are awaiting action of their fellows at Buffalo and Cleveland and the bosses expect that everything will be running again on Monday if the carpenters at the lower lake yards refuse to stop work.

## THE DEVIL AT WORK.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 2.—A dispatch from Havana, dated last evening, states that a mother murdered her four children in cold blood. She chopped off the heads of two of them with a hatchet and the other two she held in a tub of water until drowned and then cut them up. The police are looking for the devil.

## LOSS, \$150,000.

DETROIT, March 2.—A two-story warehouse of Barnes Bros. two five-story brick buildings, 32 and 41 East Larned street, burned tonight. Loss about \$100,000; insured for \$85,000. The buildings were owned by David Whitney, Jr., and Anne Chubb. Their loss is estimated at \$150,000, insurance unknown.

## A MINNESOTA STORM.

DULUTH, Minn., March 2.—The worst storm yet known in this city is being experienced here. High winds are prevailing and thick, whirling snow renders it impossible to see across the street. Trains are arriving late on all the roads and departing trains are using two locomotives with small chances of getting through.

## A FATAL FALL.

SHANTON, Pa., March 2.—Edward Hein was, aged 35, superintendent of the erection of the new German Presbyterian church in this city, fell from a scaffold twenty-four feet high in the church today and struck on his head, fracturing his skull and breaking his neck. He was instantly killed.

## SECRET MEETING.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 2.—The striking miners of the Atlanta district held a secret meeting today. It is rumored that a telegram was received from the Northern Pacific, urging the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy engineers to stand their ground and pleading \$75,000 as needed.

## A POSTMASTER SUICIDES.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—Mr. F. A. McLeod, postmaster at Palmyra, Mo., whose accounts were recently found to be short, suicided today by hanging himself to a chandelier in the circuit court room.

## BURNED BOATS.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Several large and small boats loaded with hay were burned at their wharf on Wallaby street, Brooklyn, today. Loss, about \$50,000.

## To County Examinations.

We have just completed a large number of sets of school records, including the new book as required by law, register of war-time service, and a number of other books. Orders filled promptly.

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## IN THE FLY GALLERY.

HOW A SPECTACULAR PLAY LOOKS FROM THE SKY.

Mute and Applause Heard from Afar. Men Who Roll the Curtain—A Fantastic Group—Smoke from the Red Lights of Hades.

"Follow me and you'll get there; but I'll tell you at the beginning, that you're going into a strange region." This was the remark of Frank Spangler, head "flyman," as he opened the rear door of the Grand Opera stage and began to climb the narrow stairs leading to the "fly gallery," which is located so far above every other visible part of the theatre that few people know that such a place exists. It was a curious looking place. A long narrow shelf extending along on the right side of the stage, and as one looked down through the confusion of ropes, borders and fuses at the crowd of half an acre, ready to burying here and there and everywhere behind the scenes, it is really a new phase of the theatre and for the first night it is really preferable to a seat in the orchestra.

Running through the center of the gallery is the "tie rail," to which is fastened an almost innumerable number of ropes run up through the rigging lofts and attached to the various parts of the scenery that is to be raised and lowered during the play. A sailor ought to feel very much at home in the fly gallery, for the work and the way it is done is very much like handling a ship's sails.

A dozen men are strung up along by the side of the railing looking down at the preparations that are being made on the stage for the first act. The orchestra strikes up the overture, but it has such a subdued sound, that one can hardly imagine that it is the same music that he has heard in the auditorium. Finally the stage lights begin to glow, the first warning whistle comes up through the pipe, the two curtain men spring to their places by the large windlass on which the curtain rope is coiled, the bell strikes, and they begin hauling and turning and hauling as if their lives depended on the rapidity of their movements. "Hurry, hurry, hurry," said one of the curtain men to the reporter, "so sit out there and watch that curtain roll up and so gracefully, but if they knew that this was what did it" (wiping a flood of perspiration from his face) "I don't believe they would enjoy it quite so much."

The curtain is the grandest breath of the audience, the color of perfumes, the smell of cosmetics and stage paint, and all the scents of the place rise at once into the space above the stage and at first it is almost stifling to the person who is accustomed to breathing the air of the intermediate regions.

"All hands ready!" is the command of "Captain" Brown, and a dozen bare armed men spring to the ropes ready to raise or lower such parts of the scenery as the first act requires. "Arch sky up!" he shouts the audience does not hear it, of course and at different points along the rail the ropes are seized and hauled in, hand over hand, until the "sky" is raised out of sight, and then the rope is hitched over the rail pin and the men drop back on the rail to wait the next change.

A BREATHING SPELL. At last comes a breathing spell for the men of the fly. The four archers are going through their performance on the rear part of the stage, while the fairy queen and the devil, with their followers, are waiting behind the scenes for their next appearance in the lower regions. Looking down at them from the flyman's perch they are indeed a fantastic sight. The clank of the Spanish cavaliers stretched out on his back laid across the Queen's petticoat, thrown on his feet. One of the devil's horns had just got misplaced and the fairy queen holds the mammoth sandwich, which she is eating, between her teeth, while she reaches up on tip-toe to adjust the Spanish demoniacal head gear in just as a manner as if she were the devil's servant instead of the great queen of the fairies.

Two whistles through the pipe, another quick pull at the ropes and the stage below is instantly transformed into the regions of darkness. The spectators in the auditorium see the horrible picture of hades on the stage, but the poor fellows in the fly gallery get the full force of it. The thick smoke from the red lights rolls up through the scenery until the men at the ropes are almost suffocated by the poisonous fumes, and are sometimes forced to spit one another by going back for fresh air.

The whole dramatic world is under the eye of the flyman. He ought to be a good critic, for at all events he has an opportunity of seeing all sides of an actor and all phases of the theatrical life.—Buffalo News.

Poisonment in Dahomey. An African traveler tells how the king of Dahomey punishes those who offend him. The king sits on a platform with his subjects below him. Men are then put, bound hand and foot, into a basket, which runs down a slide and discharges them among the mob, who are ordered to chop them into small pieces. The traveler expostulated, but the king explained to him that the victims were "obedient political partisans."—Chicago Times.

The study of astronomy is the latest fad among the women of Paris. "Isn't it dreadful?" asked Miss Lilyboud, "to run over a man?" "Yes, indeed, mum," replied the sister of the express: "it joins the engine up was for a cow."—Boston Herald.

Everybody Takes It. The Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railway (St. Joseph & Iowa Railroad Co., lessee), is the best equipped and most comfortable of its kind in the west of the Missouri river. Our equipment was built expressly for this line by the Pullman Palace Car Company, which is a guarantee to the traveler that it is strictly first class. You will find all of our coaches elegantly upholstered and very comfortable in every particular. If you are going to any part of Kansas or Nebraska, or to any point east, remember you will never regret having started right, by taking the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railway. Rock Island Route. For further particulars address John Sebastian, G. T. & P. A., Topeka, Kan.

Robinson & Champion. 5217 The Knights of St. Joseph band, composed of seventeen members, a drum major of twenty years' experience, handsome uniforms and fine silver plated instruments, is now ready for engagements, day or night. Address, Daniel Dwyer, Business Manager of St. J. band, Wichita, Kan.

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Old Fettes. The Santa Fe and Frisco lines are now selling excursion tickets nearly everywhere and those who travel will always learn of something of their advantage by first calling at the Union ticket office, No.